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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III: NAC MEETING JULY 8

1. NAC ON JULY 8 RECEIVED BRIEFING FROM ASSISTANT SYG KASTL ON STATE OF SPC WORK ON OPTION III. HIS BRIEFING CONCERNED MAINLY PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF SPC WORK, AND CONTAINED LITTLE REFERENCE TO SUBSTANCE. MC CHAIRMAN (HILL-NORTON) REPORTED THAT MC WAS NOW CONSIDERING DRAFT COMMENT ON THE SACEUR REPORT, AND HE EXPECTED THE SACEUR REPORT AND MC COMMENT TO BE AVAILABLE TO NAC NO LATER THAN JULY 18. BRUCE (US) NOTED AMOUNT OF WORK SPC HAS DONE, AND REMINDED NAC OF NEED TO COMPLETE THE CONSULTATIONS BY END OF JULY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO PERMIT USE OF OPTION III AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FALL ROUND.

2. DE ROSE (FRANCE) STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD REFLECTED ON THE US PAPER ON OPTION III, HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
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RE FRENCH POINT OF VIEW ON OPTION III, AND HE INQUIRED IF HE COULD STATE THIS POINT OF VIEW NOW. HE SAID THAT SINCE FRANCE HAD NOT YET SPOKEN ON OPTION III IN SPC OR NAC, THE FRENCH VIEW POINT MIGHT INTEREST THE OTHER ALLIES.

3. SYG LUNS SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS THE BEST OCCASION TO HEAR FRENCH VIEWS ON THE MATTER, AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER LATER WITH DE ROSE. KRAPF (FRGL SAID HE WAS VERY CURIOUS TO HEAR FRENCH VIEWS. LUNS REPEATED HIS WISH NOT TO HAVE THE DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING, AND DE ROSE DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

4. COMMENT: LUNS' UNSTATED REASON FOR POSTPONING THIS DISCUSSION UNDOUBTEDLY WAS TO AVOID A MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON OPTION III IN THE NAC IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PORTUGUESE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE FRENCH WILL PRESENT THEIR VIEWS, BUT A LIKELY OCCASION WOULD BE THE SPC MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 10. PORTUGUESE ARE MAKING IT A PRACTICE TO APPEAR AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SPC SESSION ON OPTION III, AND TO LEAVE AFTER FIVE OR TEN MINUTES.
END COMMENTBRUCE

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